

LOCAL INTELLIGENCE.

FRIDAY EVENING, DEC. 14, 1884.

sun rises to-morrow at 7:25; and sets at 4:35. High water 9:36 a. m. and 10:02 p. m.

WEATHER PROBABILITIES.—For this section fair weather, northwesterly winds, becoming northerly.

THE GAS WORKS.—The suggested lease of the City Gas Works has been generally discussed since the publication of the proposition in the GAZETTE. In the auditor's report of 1892 under the heading of "municipal notes," on pages 79 and 80, will be found notes on the Gas Works, which we publish, as it will perhaps throw some light on the gas question.

"At a meeting of Council December 10, 1880, a communication from James Hoy, Jr., President of the Trenton Improvement Co., in relation to lighting the town with gas was referred to Messrs. Wheat, Fowle, Fleming, and Wheat." It appears from the official proceedings of Council that the above quoted communication and its reference was about the first move in legislation looking to the lighting of Alexandria by gas. On December 23, 1880, "the committee on the subject of lighting the town with gas was discharged from the further consideration of the subject thereof," and at the same meeting Mr. Fowle, on leave, brought in a bill entitled, "An act making provision for lighting the town with gas," which was read the first time, laid on the table and ordered to be printed. On December 27, 1880, this bill was passed. Mr. Wm. H. Fowle, who was a member of the Council, had associated with him other gentlemen and they entered into a contract for the introduction of gas in the city. The Council did not determine to assume control. The bill as passed December 27, 1880, is too long for reproduction, it however provided for the issuing of \$50,000 of bonds, for the appointment of five commissioners, Robert Jamieson, Lewis McKenzie, John J. Wheat, Phineas Janney, and Robert Brockett and their successors, to receive these bonds, and assume the contract which was said to have been made with W. H. Fowle and his associates, and to submit the question of whether the gas works should be under municipal control or not, to the legal voters of the city. In Council February 21, 1881 the following was adopted: "Resolved, That the question upon the subject of lighting the town by gas to be put by the committee next election on the 4th of March next, shall be: Are you in favor of the Corporation establishing gas works or not under the contract already made therefor by W. H. Fowle and others?" At this election 487 votes were cast; 410 in favor of the city and 77 against.

On March 7, 1881, the first Committee on Light was appointed, Messrs. W. H. Fowle, Henry L. Simpson, Robert Brockett, and Charles C. Snoot, and on April 23rd this committee reported "An act prescribing the manner and terms of using gas" which was passed. The act is quite long, the concluding lines of section 20 read: "The light should never be blown out like that of a candle, but turned off from the spigot attached to the burner for that purpose." The works had been in operation but a short time when some wanted better, and others cheaper light. The GAZETTE in the official proceedings of Council published November 15, 1881, says: "The petition of A. G. Newton and others for a reduction in the price of gas was received, read, and referred to the Committee on Light," and on its editorial page added, "Complaint has been made about gas here, but we understand a better article is now prepared and in use. The defect arose from the quality of the coal used." Rosin was used for some four or five years. In 1855-56 coal was used. That the works have been a source of profit to the city is well attested by the public accounts. In the year ending March 1, 1857 there was covered into the treasury after lighting the city, etc., \$2,272.16, in 1858 \$4,032.84 in 1859 \$7,982.80. The works first cost was between \$45,000 and \$50,000, all additions and increase in size and capacity of the plant have been paid out of its earnings. In ten years (1869-79) the works assisted the general fund \$67,780. A table is presented showing the profits of the works for ten years from 1878 to 1888 to be—in money \$54,736.57; for gas furnished to city \$84,488.20—total \$139,224.77.

"During the years 1888-89-90-91 no revenue was turned over to the General Fund. The explanation is this—reductions in the price of gas, and, as for many years the works had not been given the attention necessary to their preservation, it was found essential to make decided and extensive repairs and purchases. Two new gas holders and other improvements at an expenditure of more than \$15,000 were made, new service and main pipes have been laid and now are all paid for. In the year just passed (1891-2) \$4,500 was transferred to the General Fund. A reduction in the price of gas to date from September 15, 1892, will be made, but the increase in the number of consumers will no doubt more than make up for any decrease in receipts caused by the reduction in the price, which will then be \$1.50 per 1,000 feet with 5 per centum discount for prompt payment. Good results are promised, and will no doubt be realized, as the works are in better condition now than they have been for years."

PERSONAL.—Among the society items in one of the Washington papers yesterday, was the following: Mrs. Edward L. Daingerfield, of Alexandria, has issued cards for a quillion, to announce the debut of her daughter, Miss Sallie Venable Daingerfield. The cotillion will be held at McBurney's Hall, Alexandria, on the evening of December 20, and will be the most elaborate affair of the kind ever given in that old Virginia city. Miss Daingerfield will be assisted in receiving her friends by a bevy of fair debutantes, among whom are Miss Alice Strong, of New York, Miss Sallie Smith, of Morrisstown, N. J.; Miss Eliza Daingerfield, of Alexandria, and Miss Fitzhugh, of Loudoun county. Invitations to the number of five hundred have been sent out, and guests from all parts of the country will be in attendance. The German will be led by Ensign James H. Reid, U. S. N.

Miss Myra Civalier is visiting her sister, Mrs. William Pinkney Holmes, in Baltimore.

Mr. Wesley Atkinson, who was thrown from a cable car in Washington a few days since and badly bruised, is out again.

Mr. W. B. Daingerfield, who has been confined to his home with rheumatism for some time past, was out today, but is in a much crippled condition.

DEATH OF A YOUNG LADY.—Miss Virginia Burwell, daughter of Mr. Chas. Burwell, and whose illness has been mentioned, died at her home in Salem on Wednesday evening, after a short illness, of erysipelas. Miss Burwell was a few years ago an assistant teacher at the Arlington Institute, in this city, where she was well known. She was a young lady of great beauty and of high character and worth and her sad death will be regretted by all who knew her.

LITERARY CLASS.—The subjects for discussion at the Literary Class to-night will be: History of the United States; Spelling and Method; Which should be taught first, the zones or the tropics and polar circles? why? Name the kind of language lessons best adapted to overcome the timidity of young pupils and secure free expression of thought; In primary work when should you introduce fractions? How teach them objectively?

DEATH OF A FORMER RESIDENT.—R. F. Burgess, who for twenty-five years lived in this city and conducted the grocery business on the corner of Prince and Fayette streets, but who had recently followed a similar occupation in Washington, died in that city at an early hour this morning. The deceased was an Odd Fellow and a member of the Red Men. His remains will be brought to this city Sunday for interment.

NO FIGHT.—The long heralded fight between Eddie Pierce, of New York, and Jack Bolan, before the Eureka Athletic Club, did not come off last night, owing to the interference of Sheriff Veith, of the county. The first fight of the evening was between Buck Kelso, of Baltimore, and "Young" Swigert, of Philadelphia. The go was for six rounds, and was declared a draw.

CORPORATION COURT.—Judge J. K. M. Norton presiding.—W. A. Thomas was appointed administrator of Wm. Thomas, deceased.

J. L. Adams was appointed guardian of Chas. A. Martin.

"A Word to the Wise is Sufficient." I suffered terribly from roaring in my head during an attack of catarrh and became very deaf. Used Ely's Cream Balm and in three weeks could hear as well as ever.—A. E. Newman, Grading, Mich.

One of my children had a very bad discharge from the nose. Physicians prescribed with all benefit. After using Ely's Cream Balm a short time the disease was cured.—O. A. Carr, Corning, N. Y.

Price of Cream Balm is fifty cents.

The H. T. M. Sewing Society held a pleasant meeting at the residence of Mrs. M. Pretzfelder last night.

Mr. Wappelo Summers, of Barnesville, Ga., is in the city on a visit to his brothers.

ALL INNOCENT.—At a late hour last night Officers Ferguson and Howson appeared unannounced in a house kept by a colored man named Charles Page in the western portion of the city in which it is charged gambling is conducted every day, Sunday not excepted. The officers found Page and another negro named Thomas Bryant and two white men, Thomas Cleveland and Henry Daniels, sitting around a table on which a pack of cards just shuffled were lying. No money was in sight. The four were placed under arrest and locked up, Cleveland being wanted for an assault on Tip Burke, colored, last August. The evidence this morning was to the effect that Page's house was a sort of rendezvous in which gambling is carried on continually; that those who congregate there emerge during the "wee sma' hours" counting up profit and loss, often using language unfit for ears polite. The accused, when called on for statements, of course denied the charges, and a material witness being absent the case was continued.

POLICE COURT.—Mayor Strauss presiding.—The following cases were disposed of this morning:

Thomas Cleveland Henry Daniels, white, and Thomas Bryant and Charles Page, colored, arrested by Officers Ferguson and Howson charged with gambling, had their case postponed in consequence of the absence of a material witness.

Patrick Duffey, arrested by Officers Hayes and Jones for drunken and disorderly conduct in the street, was fined \$2.50.

Thomas Cleveland, white, arrested by Officers Ferguson and Howson for an assault on Tip Burke, colored, was fined \$5.

Night Report.—Last night was clear and cool. Five prisoners and eleven lodgers were at the station house.

CHARTERS.—Judge Norton granted a charter to-day to the Geo. W. Knox Express Company. The object of the company is to do a general express and transfer business in this State and beyond its borders. The capital stock is \$125,000.

Judge Norton also granted a charter to the Columbia Storage and Warehouse Company, the object of which is to do a general storage and warehouse business. The capital stock of this company is to be \$150,000. The officers of both of these companies are the same, viz., W. S. Knox, president; G. V. Knox, vice president; J. O. Knox, treasurer; C. E. Van Arsdale, secretary, and J. J. Darlington, attorney. Mr. Leonard Marbury is named as the representative in this city of both companies.

SURPRISE PARTY.—A surprise party was given Miss Nettie Offenheimer, of Baltimore, at the residence of Mrs. F. C. Neale, 802 Duke street, last night. Among those present were Messrs. John McKenna, E. Walter, R. Rodgers, F. Krouse, J. Webster, N. Zimmerman, J. Allen, A. Arnold, F. Myers, E. Johnson, B. Thompson, J. Fones, Wm. Penn, C. Wells, N. Carroll, Jno. Lucas, M. K. Hamill, M. Brown, Charles F. Neale, Mrs. K. Zimmerman, Mrs. M. Strider, Mrs. Beach, Miss Maggie Beach, Miss Watson, Miss Maggie, Miss M. Lucas, Miss K. Lucas, and Miss B. Allen. Music and games were indulged in, and after partaking of refreshments the company dispersed to the tune of "Home Sweet Home."

DIDN'T KNOW THEIR BUSINESS.—About twelve o'clock last night Officers Hayes and Jones found Patrick Duffey in the street very drunk. The officers told him to go aboard his vessel, which he refused to do, telling them they did not know their business and cursing them roundly. They demonstrated to the satisfaction of the tipsy waterman that they understood their business by locking him up. This morning Duffey pleaded guilty to the charges and the Mayor fined him \$2.50.

SEMINARY HILL NOTES.—Bishop Newton visited Langley on Tuesday last and confirmed a class of fifteen. On Wednesday night he confirmed a class of ten at Bailey's Cross Roads. Since May Bishop Newton has kept one hundred and fifty appointments and confirmed five hundred and fifty persons. As his work is in the smaller towns and among the country parishes this makes a good record. He spent last night on the Hill and returned this morning to his home in Richmond.

Rev. Carl Grammer has returned to the Hill after a long absence occasioned by his serious illness. He will not resume his classes, which are now taught by Rev. Wm. M. Clark, of Fredericksburg, till after New Year's.

The Brazilian missionary meeting takes place to-night in Prayer Hall. There will be an election of treasurer to fill the vacancy occasioned by the death of Dr. Nelson.

Mrs. C. S. Venable, wife of Professor Venable, of the University of Virginia, who has been on a visit to her son, at the High School, left yesterday for her home.

Mr. Ira P. Wetmore, a prominent real estate agent of San Angelo, Texas, has used Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy in his family for several years as occasion required, and always with perfect success. He says: "I find it a perfect cure for our baby when troubled with colic or dysentery. I now feel that my outfit is not complete without a bottle of this Remedy at home or on a trip away from home. For sale by L. Stabler & Co."

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LOCAL BREVITIES.

Another hen house at Del Ray was robbed last night.

The electric railway switch at the corner of King and Cameron streets has been completed.

Mrs. Cash's store, on Princess street, near Alfred, was broken open last night and a lot of groceries stolen.

Two complaints were lodged at the station house this morning against persons charged with stealing overcoats.

To-day has been bright, crisp and clear and many people were on the streets. Christmas shopping has begun in earnest.

Mr. John A. Marshall has purchased from O. E. Cromwell, of New York, 200 acres of timber land in Fairfax county, near Farr, paying cash for the same.

Miss Annie Harvey, teacher of Groveton school, Fairfax county, while closing a blind yesterday, accidentally let the window fall on one of her hands and two of her fingers were broken.

A squad of colored youths attired in a zouave uniform and armed with guns, preceded by half a dozen of their own color with drums, fife and bugles, paraded the streets during the early part of last night.

Last night the hen house belonging to Dr. Crawford, at the Theological Seminary, was entered by a thief and a number of fine Plymouth Rock hens were stolen. Some of the heads had been cut off and left on the floor.

Senator Palmer, of the committee on pensions, has reported favorably the House bill allowing to Mrs. Dollie E. Vedder, formerly of this city, the widow of Captain Simon C. Vedder, an increased pension, amounting to \$25 per month.

A week's work with Secretary Langley's latest aeroplane was finished yesterday, and the result is declared to have demonstrated the possibility of aerial navigation. The apparatus was made to fly three hundred yards with a steady, even movement, propelled by a small but swiftly revolving pair of screws. An account of the trial of this machine at Quantico recently was published in the GAZETTE at the time.

The election on the question of license or no license for the sale of ardent spirits in Leesburg district took place yesterday and was a close contest. The vote resulted in favor of no license by a majority of 93. The majority in Leesburg was 61; in Goresville, in the same district, 32. The law doesn't go into effect until May 1st. This makes Loudoun a "dry" county. The lessees of the Leesburg Inn have notified the owners that they will vacate the house on the day the law goes into effect.

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At 37½c a Yard. Silk Finish Henrietta, extra fine, 45 inches wide.

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At 75c a Yard. All-wool Crepon, 40 inches wide.

At \$1.00 a Yard. All-wool Crepon, 43 inches wide.

At \$1.00 a Yard. Silk-and-wool Sublime, 38 inches wide.

At \$1.25 a Yard. Silk-and-wool Lansdowne, 40 inches wide.

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At 50c a Yard. 19 inch Crepe "Gaufré Crochet."

At 50c a Yard. 23-inch Japanese Silk, in seventy-eight evening, art, and dark shades.

At 65c a Yard. 23-inch Crepe de Chine.

At 65c a Yard. 18-inch Swiss Taffetas, white ground, with pencil stripes.

At \$1.00 a Yard. 32-inch Jeunesse Silk.

At \$1.00 a Yard. 20-inch Figure Taffetas, pink, ciel, maize, lilac, and white.

At \$1.25 a Yard. 20-inch Satin-striped Broche Taffetas.

At \$1.50 a Yard. 21-inch Broche Taffetas, new color combinations.

At \$2.00 a Yard. 21-inch Pompadour Broche Taffetas.

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GAUZES, &c.

At 75c to \$1.00 a Yard. 45-inch Silk Chiffons, plain, crinkled, and soft finished.

At \$1.00 a Yard. 72-inch Brussels Net.

At 50c a Yard. Cream and Black Silk Skirt Ruffling.

(First floor.....2nd annex.)

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MEETINGS.

NOTICE.—The members of OSCEOLA TRIBE OF RED MEN are hereby notified to attend a called meeting at their wigwam SATURDAY, December 15th, at 7:30 o'clock p. m., to make arrangements for the funeral of our late brother, Benj. F. Burgess. By order of the Sachem.

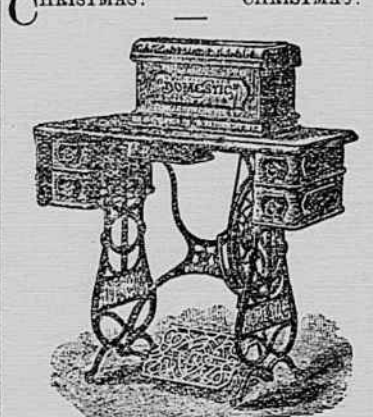
OFFICE OF THE VIRGINIA MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY.

ALEXANDRIA, VA., Nov. 28, 1894.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the VIRGINIA MIDLAND RAILWAY COMPANY will be held at the office of the company, No. 1009 Prince street, Alexandria, Va., on WEDNESDAY, the nineteenth (19th) day of December, 1894, at 12 o'clock noon, for the transaction of all business of general and special nature that may be submitted to the meeting.

dec14 td A. H. GILLARD, Secretary.

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nov19 3m

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BEST MINCE MEAT, 3 pounds for 25c. Matt's Sweet Cider 25c per gallon. All kinds of Preserves 10c per pound.

N. E. Cor. Prince and St. Asaph sts.

DANCING RECEPTION.—The regular semi-monthly reception of Messrs. GREENE & KEGAN'S DANCING CLASS will be held at McBurney's Hall on Monday evening, December 17th.

dec15 3t

BUTTER. 18 and 20c at

dec15 2t C. R. St. Asaph and Duke sts.

CORNEO PORK 8c per lb.

dec15 2t E. M. ANDERSON, Cor. St. Asaph and Duke sts.

100 BOXES CHOICE CIGARS, 25 in a box, only \$1. A nice Xmas present.

N. E. Cor. Prince and St. Asaph sts.

500 TUBKEYS, all sizes; 50 c. Chickens.

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Haviland China Tea Sets (our own importation) at \$10 per set.

Haviland China Tea Sets (our own importation) rich frotte gold at \$17.

A handsome line Paper Banquet Shades in any color desired at \$1.25 each.

If you need anything in the above, don't wait until Christmas, for they will not stay here at such prices as we name. Come this week and have what you want set aside. Remember we have a stock of Christmas Goods direct from the factories; fresh new goods; no auction goods, but new styles for this season.

A lot of Tea Sets with one or two pieces short, at bargain prices. Store open at night until 10 o'clock. See east window for Goods in this sale.

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